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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 2493)

In re Application of:)
Balaji S. Thenthiruperai, et al.) Confirmation No. TBA
Serial No. 10/734,700)
Filed: December 11, 2003) Art Unit: TBA
For: Method and System for Conveying)
Location-granularity Preferences)
With Location-Based Service Requests)

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)**

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Dear Sir:

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United States Patent Application

1. US2002/0173317 11/21/02 Nykanen et al.

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in the normal course of examination, will make an independent search and will determine the best prior art consistent with 37 CFR 1.104(a) and 1.106(b) and, in the course of each search, will review for relevance every document cited on the attached form even if not initialed.

Early and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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